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USEFUL IN THE DETECTION AND
DIFFERENTIATION OF ANTIBODIES
TO HIV

Examiner: B. Nelson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 4, 2000 with respect to the patent application identified above.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Applicants, by their attorney, now elect the claims of group one, claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, but without prejudice to the patentability of the subject matter therein, please cancel claims 3-77. Applicant reserves the right to file future divisional applications on any cancelled subject matter. Because all inventors participated jointly in claims 1 and 2, no amendment of inventorship is believed necessary. Favorable action is now solicited.

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Respectfully

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